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Marguerite J. Clifford, Treasurer Massachusetts Republican State Committee 114 State Street, 5th Floor Boston, MA 02109

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Reference: Year End Report (11/26/96-12/31/96)

Dear Ms. Clifford:

This letter is prompted by the Commission's preliminary review of the report(s) referenced above. The review raised questions concerning certain information contained in the report(s). An itemization follows:

-Schedule B supporting Line 21(b) of your report discloses a "disbursement to Bay State Associates. Please clarify whether this disbursement is an in-kind contribution on behalf of Weld for Senate. In the event that this is an in-kind contribution, please disclose it on Schedule B supporting Line 23 of the Detailed Summary Page.

-Schedule H2 of your report discloses Direct Mail Solicitations (DMS) as a fundraising activity. However, Schedule H4 of your report indicates the category for this activity to be both fundraising and direct candidate support. In the event that this activity is direct candidate support, be advised that any federal share in-kind payments must also be itemized on Schedule B supporting Line 23, and not included in the Line 21(a)(i) total. Please amend your report to clarify this activity.

A written response or an amendment to your original report(s) correcting the above problem(s) should be filed with the Federal Election Commission within fifteen (15) days

of the date of this letter. If you need assistance, please feel free to contact me on our toll-free number, (800) 424-9530. My local number is (202) 219-3580.

Sincerely,

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